

Fire Department.

A Child's Faith.

A Sick mother and her little girl were living in a very wretched attic. On a cold and dark morning the poor child awoke and remembered that there was no bread for breakfast. Nettie's mother had often told her that the God who feeds the little birds will not refuse bread to a little child who asks him for it. So she slipped quietly out of bed that she might not wake her mother, and kneeling down by the bedside, said slowly, "Give us this day our daily bread."

The bare room seemed to mock the child's prayer, but she had no sooner asked God for bread than she determined to fetch it. Wrapping her shabby cloak about her, she went down the long staircase, and through the dark alley into the busy street. No one noticed the hungry little girl, and she was beginning to wonder where God kept his bread, when a sudden turn of the street showed her a large and well-lit baker's shop. "This," thought Nettie, "is the place."

The baker looked kindly at the little eager face that entered his shop so confidently. "I've come for it," she said. "Come for what?" "My daily bread," she said, pointing to the tempting loaves. "I'll take two, if you please—one for mother and one for me."

"All right," said the baker, putting them into a bag and giving them to his little customer, who started at once into the street. "Stop, you little rogue!" he said, roughly; "where is your money?" "I haven't any," she said simply. "Haven't any?" haven't any he repeated angrily; "you little thief, what brought you here, then?"

The hard words frightened the child, who, bursting into tears, said: "Mother is sick, and I am so hungry. In my prayers I said, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' and then I thought God meant me to fetch it, and so I came."

The kind-hearted baker was softened by the child's simple tale, and he took her back to his mother with well-filled basket. As the poor sufferer received the unexpected supply, she softly said, "The God of the fatherless answers prayer," and the baker, turning to Nettie, said, "I ought to call you 'Faith,' my child."

Only a Pin. Only two or three days ago, an over-seer in the mills found a pin which cost the company about three hundred dollars. "I suppose it must have been very handsome. Was it a diamond pin?"

"Oh, no, my dear not by any means. It is just such a pin as people buy everyday, and use without stint. Here is one upon my dress."

Such a pin that cost three hundred dollars? exclaimed John. "I don't believe it!" "But mamma say it is a true story," interposed Susie.

"Yes, I know it to be true. And this is the way the pin happened to cost so much:

"You know that calicoes, after they are printed and washed, are dried and smoothed by being passed over heated rollers. Well, suppose one machine, a pin dropped so as to lie upon the printed roller, and indeed became wedged into it, the head standing out a little way from the surface.

"Over and over went the roller, and round and round went the cloth, winding at length upon another roller, until the piece was measured off. Then another piece was printed, dried and wound; and so on until a hundred pieces had been counted off. These were not examined immediately, but removed from the machinery, and laid aside.

"When, at length, they came to be inspected, it was found that there were holes in every piece brought from the web, and only three quarters of a year apart. Now, in each piece there were from thirty-five to forty-five yards, and at twelve cents a yard that would count up to about five hundred dollars.

"Of course the goods could not be classed as perfect goods; so they were sold as remnants, at half the price they would have brought had it not been for the hidden pin.

"Now, it seems to me, that when a little boy takes for his companion a profane swearer, a sabbath breaker, or a lad who is untruthful, and a little girl for her playmate one who is unkind, or disobedient, or in any way a wicked child, they are like the roller which took to its bosom the pin. Without their being able to help it, often the evil influence clings to them and leaves the mark upon everybody with whom they come in contact.

"That pin damaged, irreparably four hundred yards of new print, and had company has ruined thousands of souls for whom Christ died. Remember 'one sinner destroyeth much good'; therefore avoid evil companions."

—Child's Treasury.

New use for Unions.

A correspondent of the Scientific American commends onions as a specific against epidemics—not as excellent, but sliced and kept in a sick-room, where they will absorb any atmospheric poison. They should be replaced by fresh ones every hour. It is no good that in the room of a small-pox patient they will rapidly decompose and become very rapidly, but prevent the spread of the disease. Their application has also proved effective in case of snake bites.

Treatment of Hams.

To preserve hams through the summer make a number of cotton bags, a little larger than your hams. After the hams are well smoked, place them in bags, and get the best of sweet, well made hay; cut it with a knife, and with your hand press it well around the hams in the bags; tie the bags with strings, put on a card of the year, to show their age, and hang them up in a garret or some dry room, and they will last five years, and will be better for boiling than on the day you hang them up. This method costs but little, and the bags will last forty years. No flies or bugs will trouble the hams if the hay is well pressed around them; the sweating of the hams will be taken up by the hay, and it will impart a fine flavor to the hams. The hams should be treated in this way before the hot weather sets in.

Bog Spavin.

A gentleman in Sewickly has a horse which has a large swelling in the inner part of each knee or hock-joint, and small lumps on the vein on each side of the hock-joint, and asks the *Agriculturist* if it is spavin, and what shall he do with it? It is spavin, known as bog spavin, caused by over-work or over-driving, or a sprain. It consists of an excessive secretion of the fluid by which the joint is lubricated, and if it does not yield to the application of iodine ointment, rubbed on the part morning and night, it should be treated by a surgeon. Some times the swelling is punctured and tightly bandaged, but this is dangerous in the hands of any but a surgeon, and if improperly performed it might permanently injure the joint. There is no attendant lameness, and perseverance with the iodine ointment may possibly bring about a cure.

Cure for a Horse's Sprained Shoulder.

Mr. T. Petrie writes to the *Rural New Yorker*—"I give the following recipe which has proved a perfect cure in every case under my observation the past forty years—'Make a small incision in the skin at the top of the shoulder blade; loosen the skin from the flesh around the incision with a smooth stick, about one inch around the hole; place the mouth of the leather through the hole, and pull it tight, so that it will force the wind through the hole under the skin. Blow until the skin is raised from the flesh, which will leave the skin pulled up by the wind. Take a round piece of soft common upper leather, twice the size of the hole in the skin, with three-eighths hole in the center; place the leather under the skin and a stick over the leather through the hole in each side, the tie with a thread, leaving the opening over the leather half an inch for the discharge of matter. The effect of a shoulder sprain is a clot of blood under the shoulder blade. The above described seton will remove the clot of blood and effect a cure.

Small Seed.

The season has now come to sow all sorts of small seeds, both in the vegetable and flower garden, and care should be taken to sow them just right. If the weather and soil be dry, then the seed can safely be covered a little deeper than though the soil and weather was wet. Small seeds often fail to come up, and the fault is all laid at the door of the seedsmen of whom the same was purchased, when in fact the seed was all right, and it was the fault of the sower or the weather, or possibly both. It is very difficult to lay down an exact rule for the covering of every small seed as so much depends upon the weather. When the soil is moist, a very thin covering will be sufficient; and that should be made very fine.

We often think it best, to sift the soil with which we cover the seed, and put it in a sieve, and press it down rather firmly. If the weather is very dry and hot, we sometimes spread over the beds, where delicate flower seeds have been sown, meadow moss, well saturated with water, and this cover will prevent evaporation and keep the soil under it in good, moist condition for many days. When this is done, it should be watched and removed as soon as the plants make their appearance.

It is a very good plan to soak some seeds in tepid water for a few hours before sowing. Carrot seed treated in this way comes quicker. After soaking it over night, dry it off just enough to have it run through the machine, and time will be gained.

The statement that Gen. Sherman has declared himself in favor of taking scalp has been pronounced untrue. He says he can see no advantage in scalping the Indians, and that he would rather steam press by which "no less than 1,100 scalps are impressed in one hour." This is believed to be the first application of steam to the scalp, and on the night of November 13th the old presses and presses were kept waiting with the statement that important foreign news was expected. When the time was finished (some 4,000 copies only) they were informed of the grand change in affairs, with the addition that an ample police force was at hand to protect the machine.

—N. Y. Observer.

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